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(54) **COMPOUND HEAT EXHANGER HAVING COOLING FINS INTRODUCING DIFFERENT HEAT EXCHANGING PERFORMANCES WITHIN HEAT EXCHANGING CORE PORTION**

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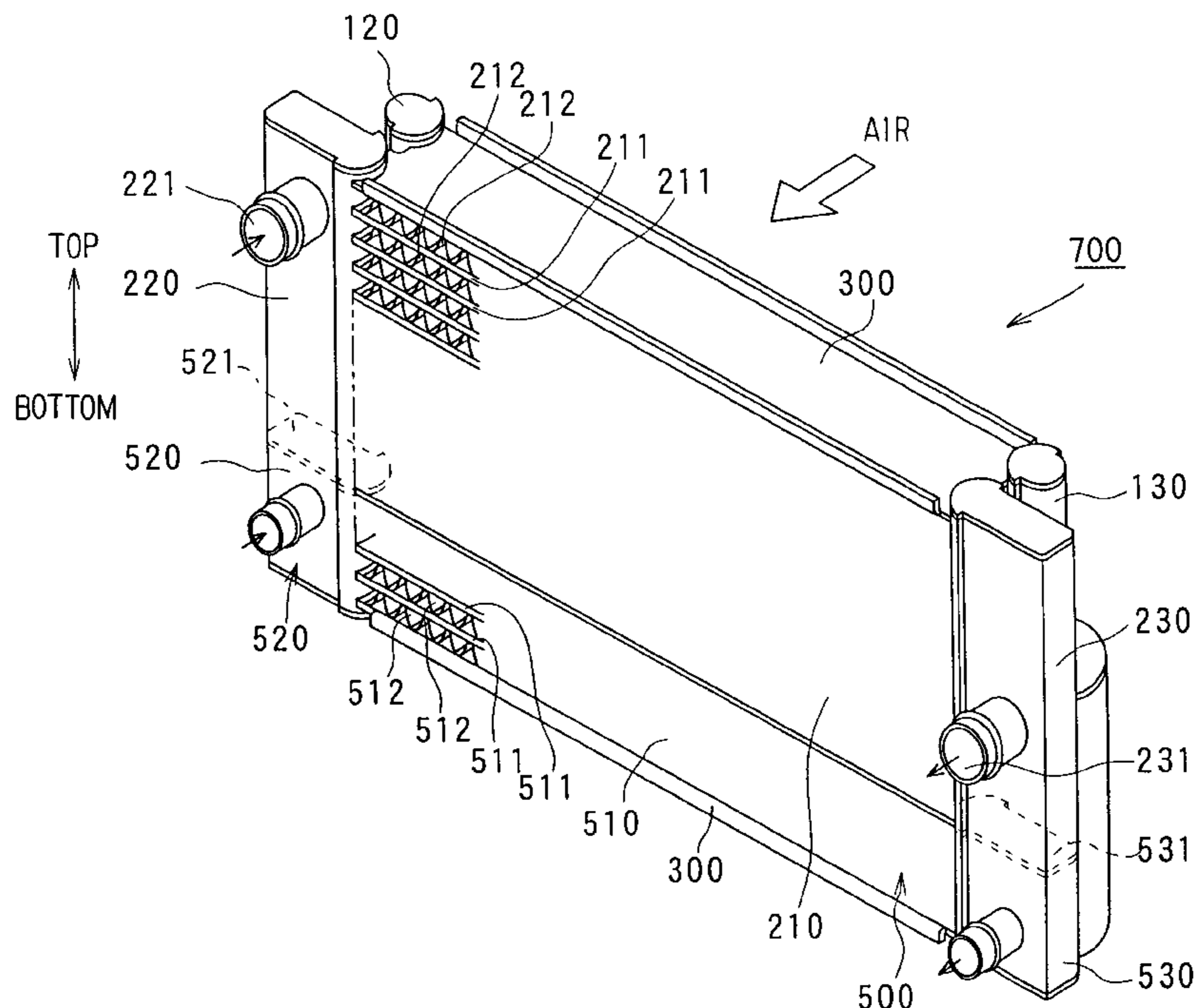
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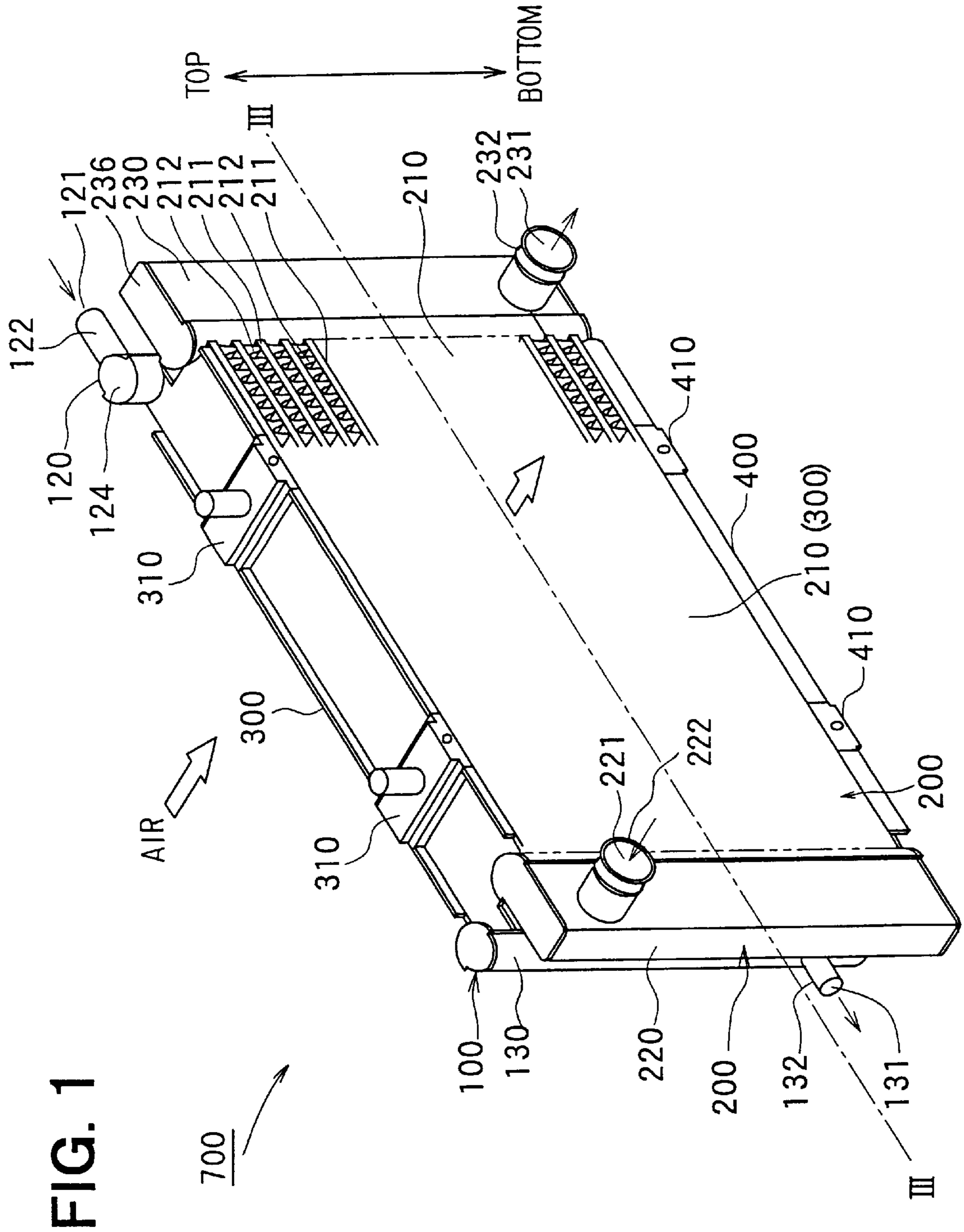
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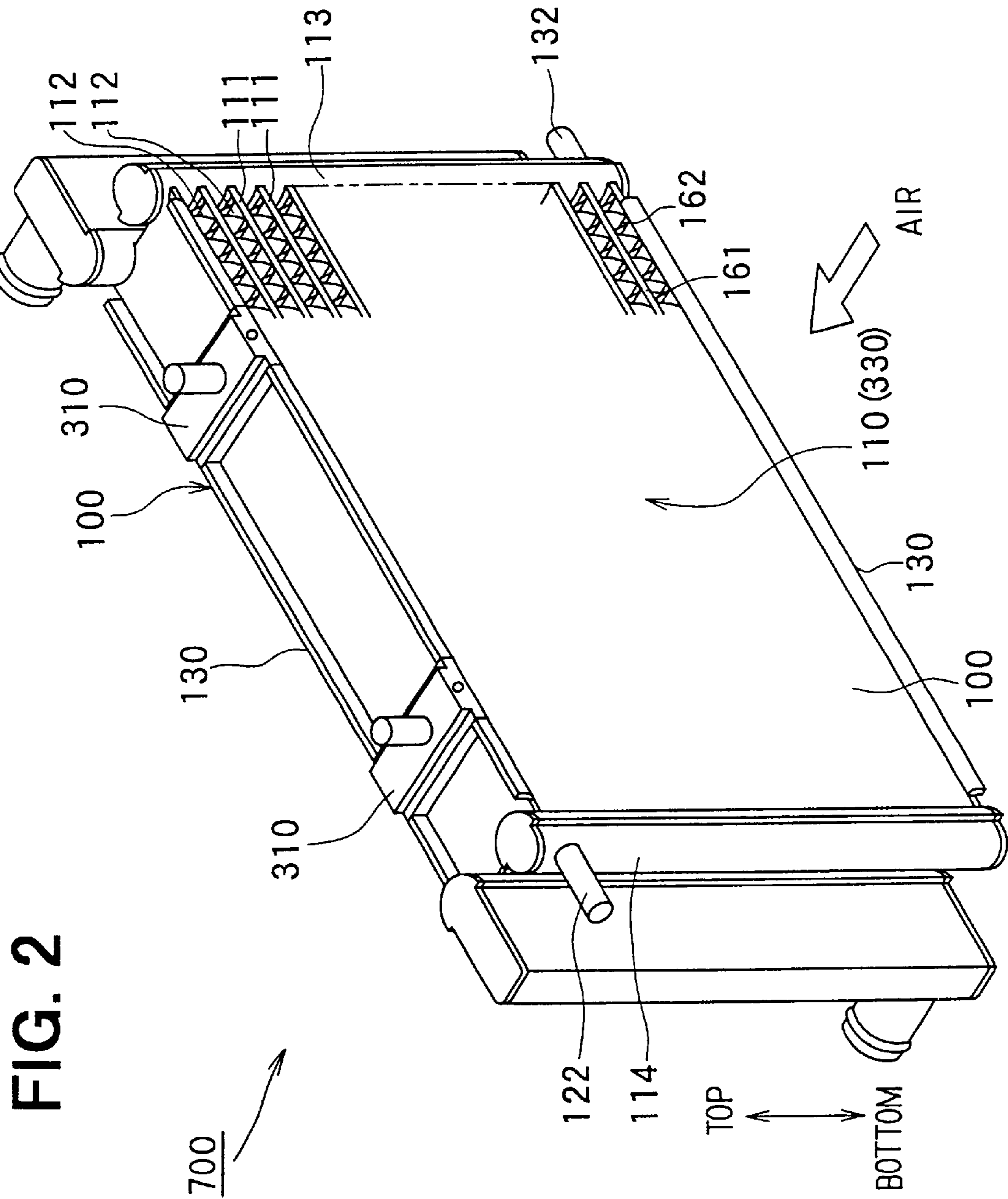
(57) **ABSTRACT**

A condenser core portion carries out a heat exchange between refrigerant and air. The condenser core portion includes a plurality of condenser tubes through which the refrigerant flows and condenser fins disposed between each pair of adjacent condenser tubes. A radiator core portion is disposed in series with the condenser core portion in an external fluid flow direction with a predetermined clearance therebetween, to carry out a heat exchange between engine coolant and the air. The radiator core portion includes a plurality of radiator tubes through which the engine coolant flows and radiator fins disposed between each pair of adjacent radiator tubes. A connecting portion integrates each of condenser fins and radiator fins. The condenser fins disposed at an upper area of the condenser core portion introduce cooling performances more than the condenser fins disposed at a lower area thereof.

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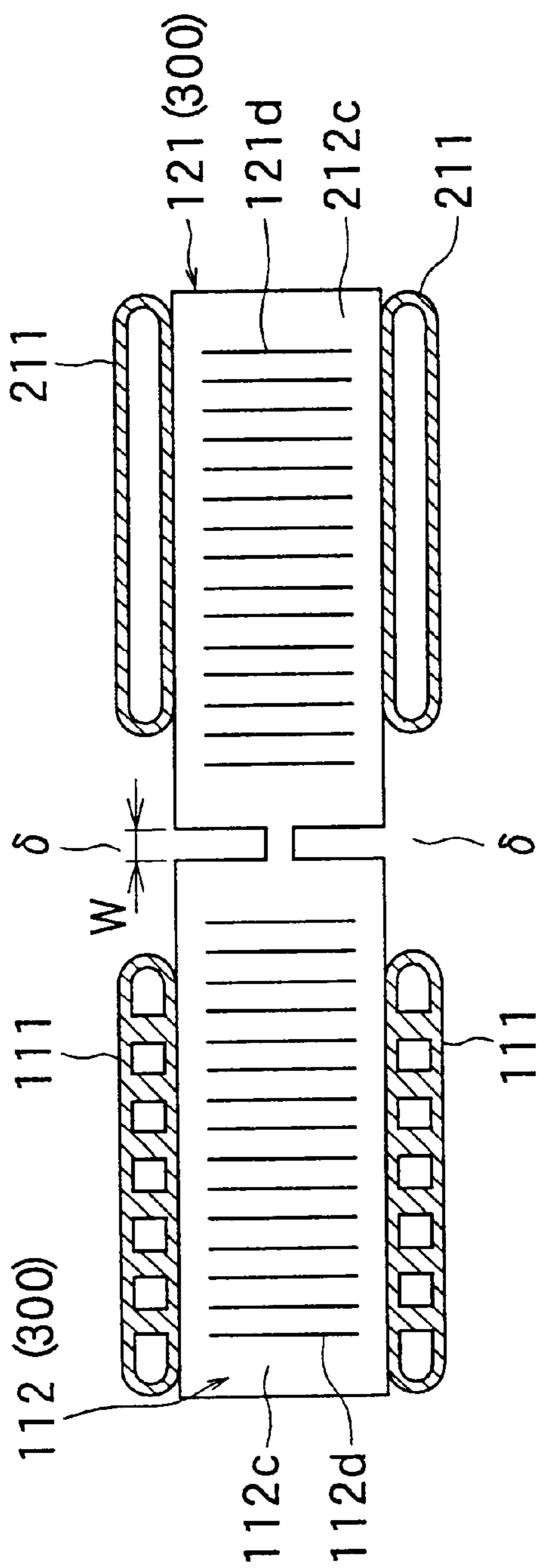


FIG. 3A

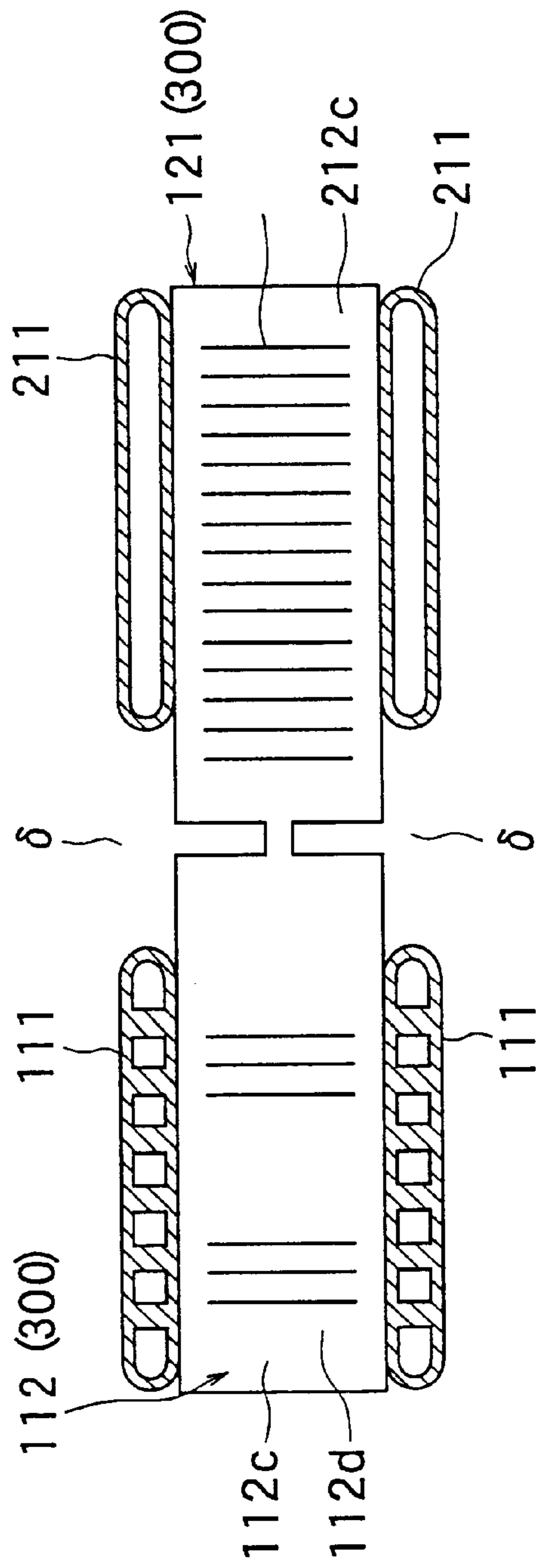


FIG. 3B

FIG. 4

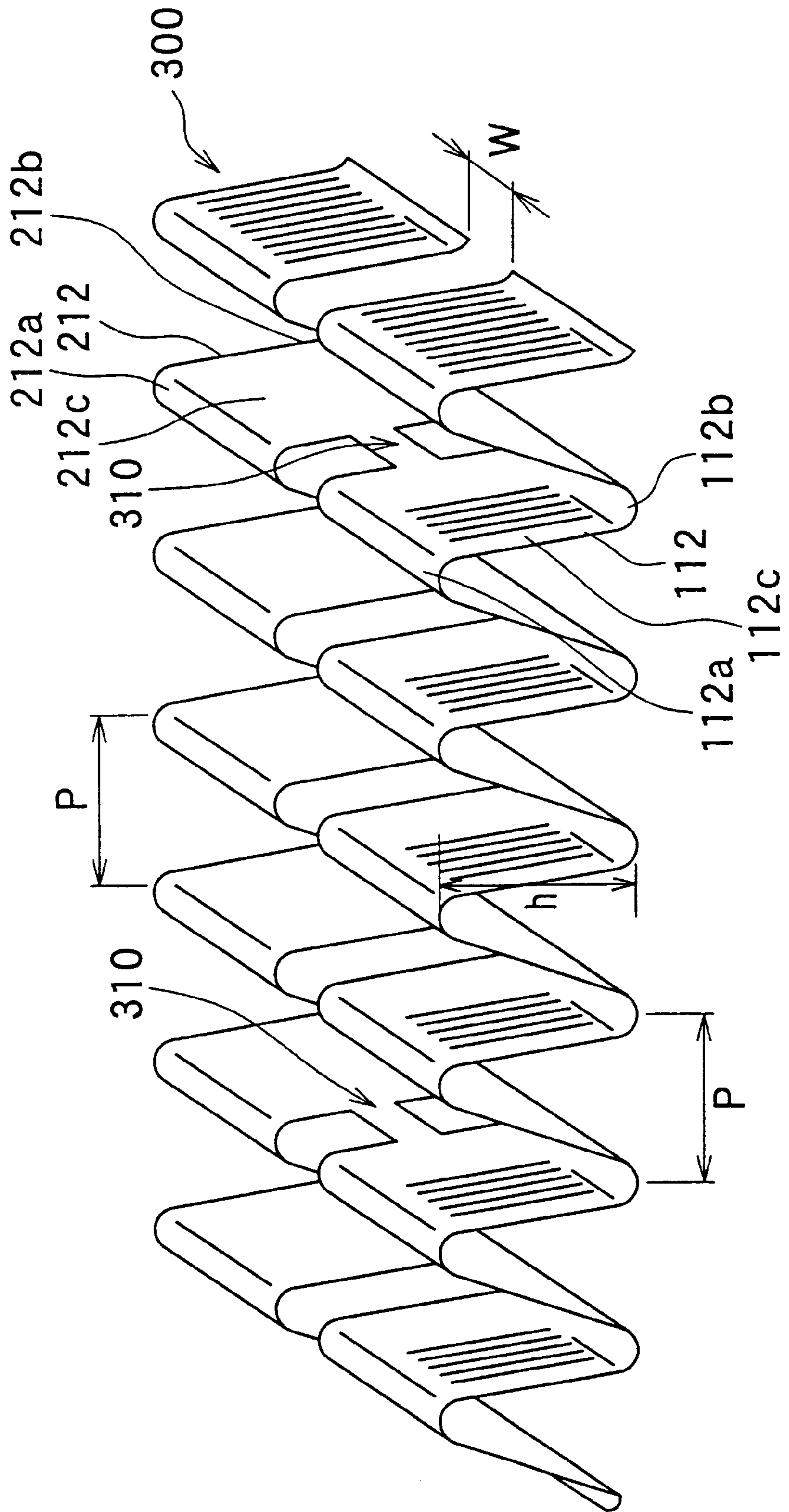


FIG. 5A

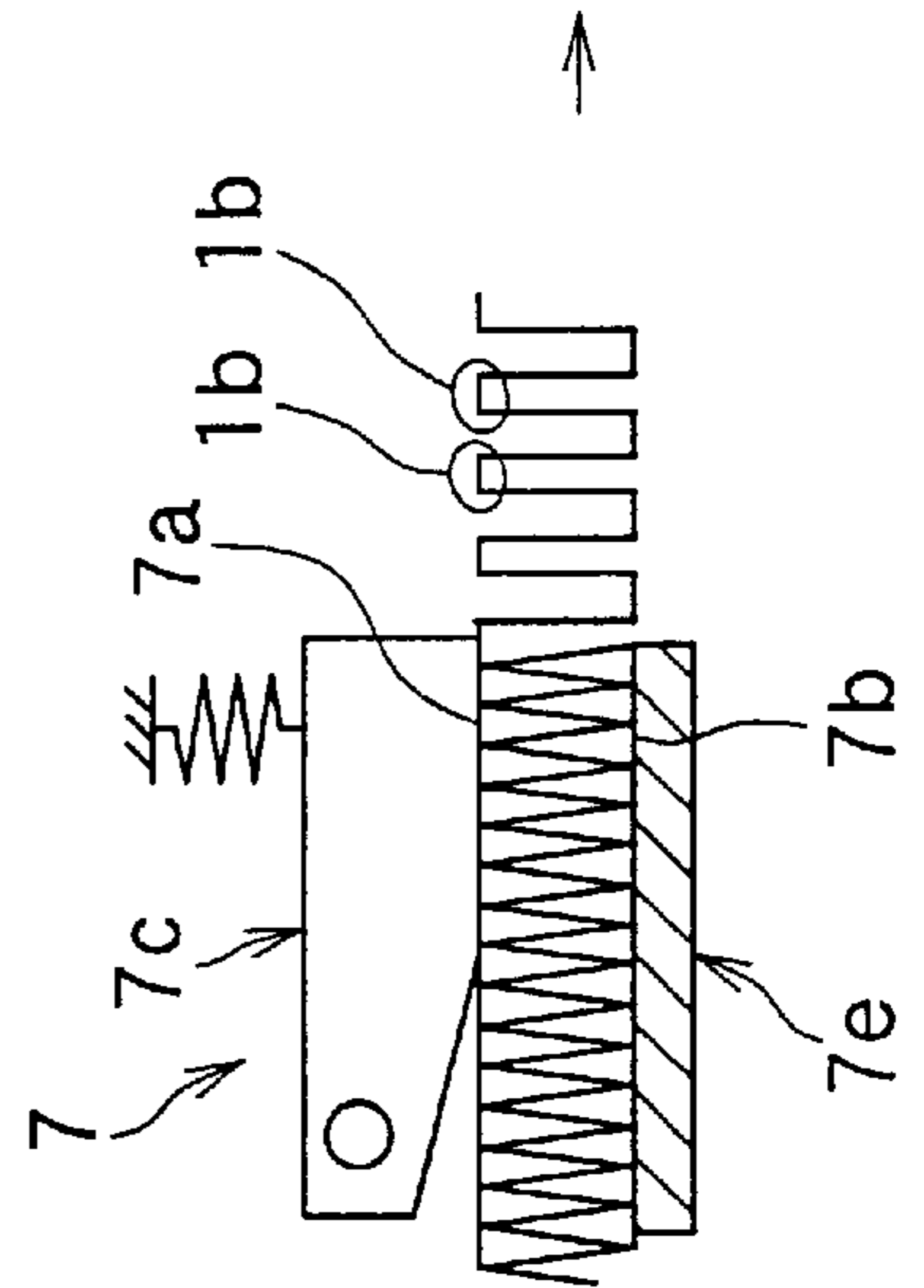
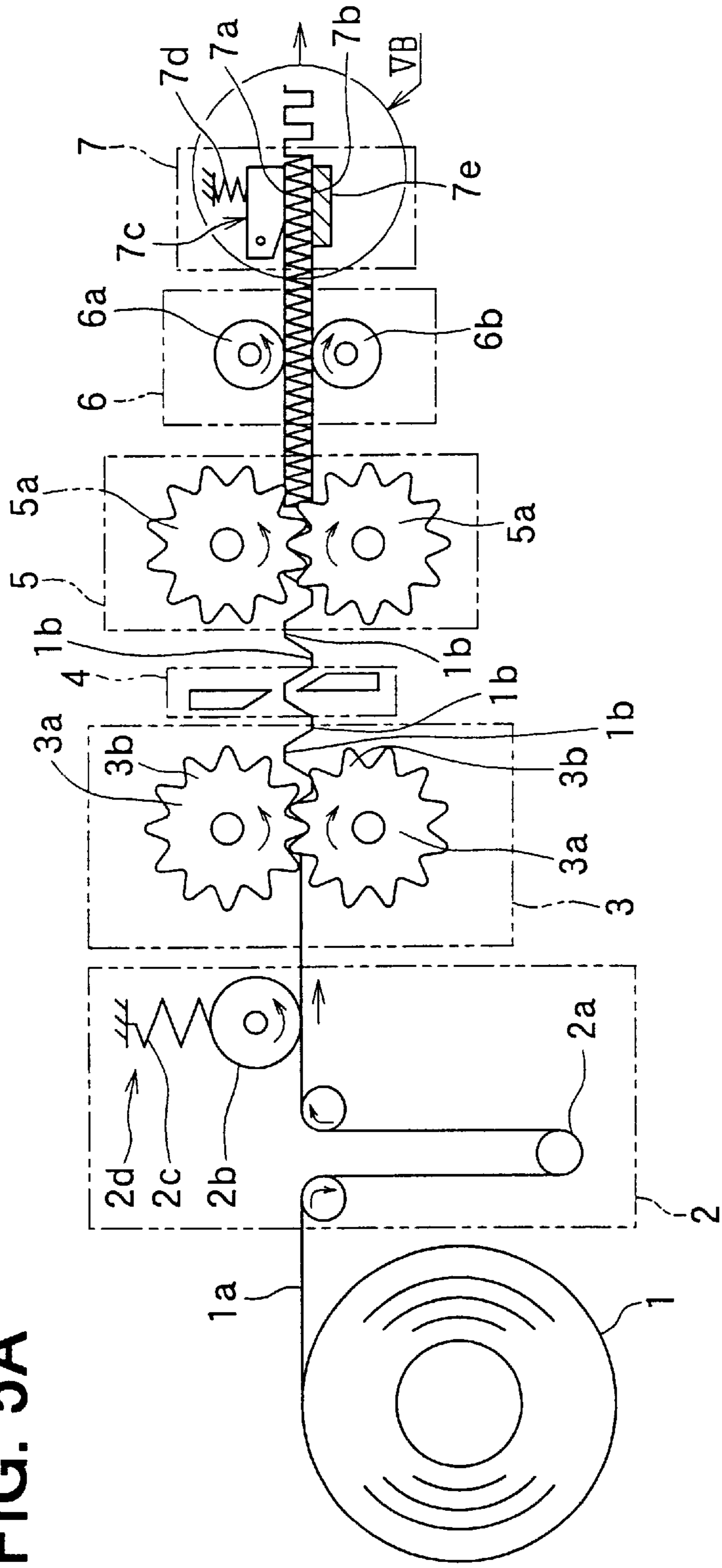


FIG. 5B

FIG. 6

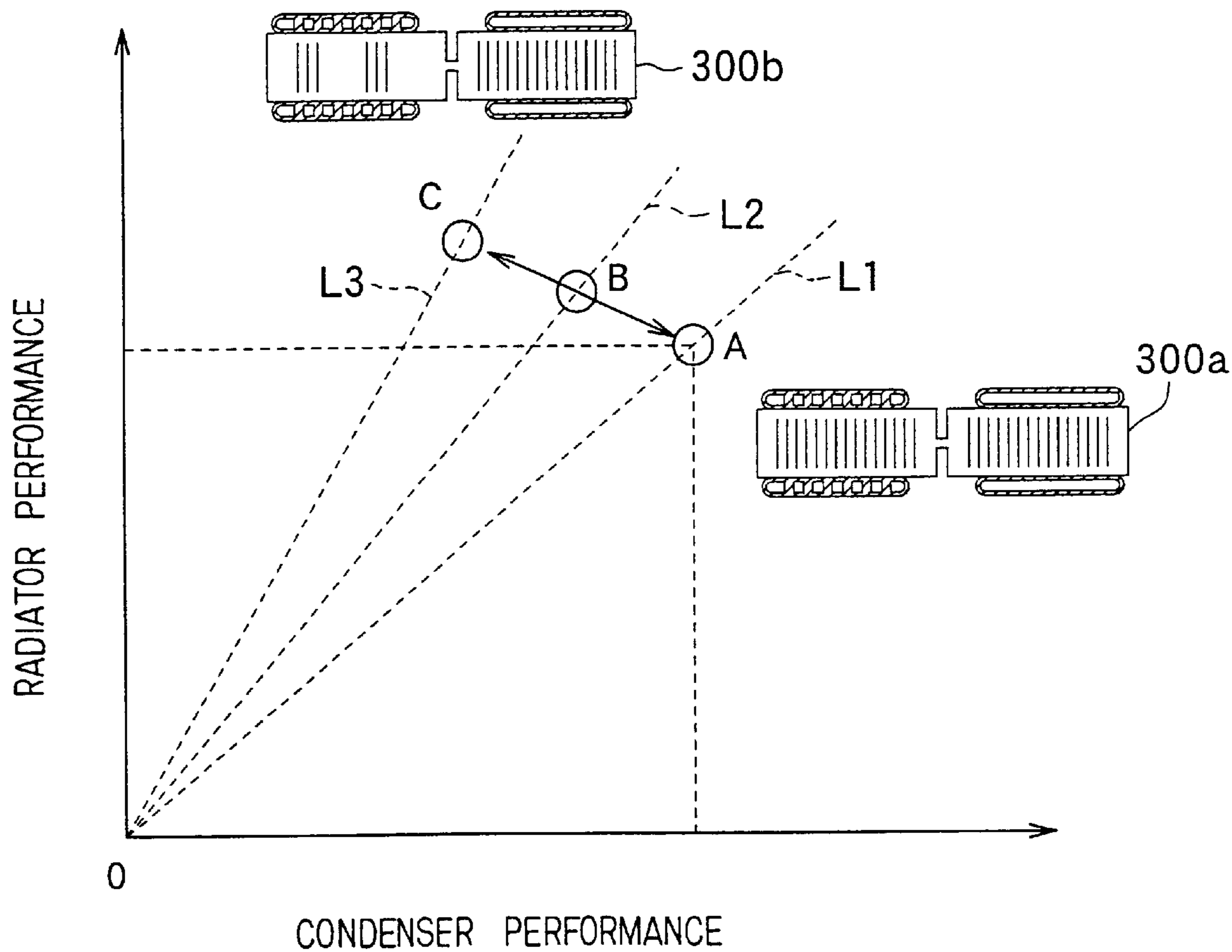


FIG. 7

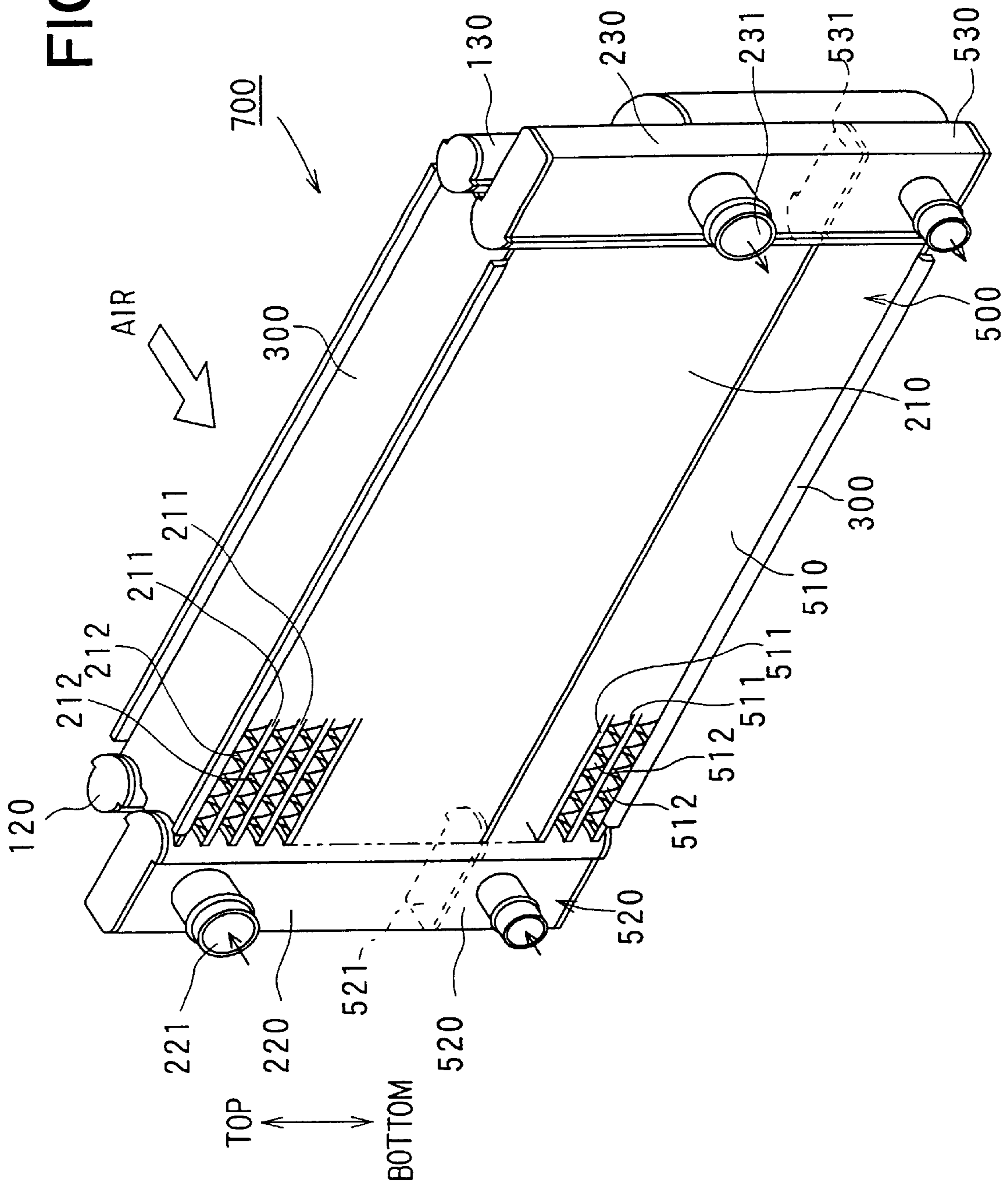




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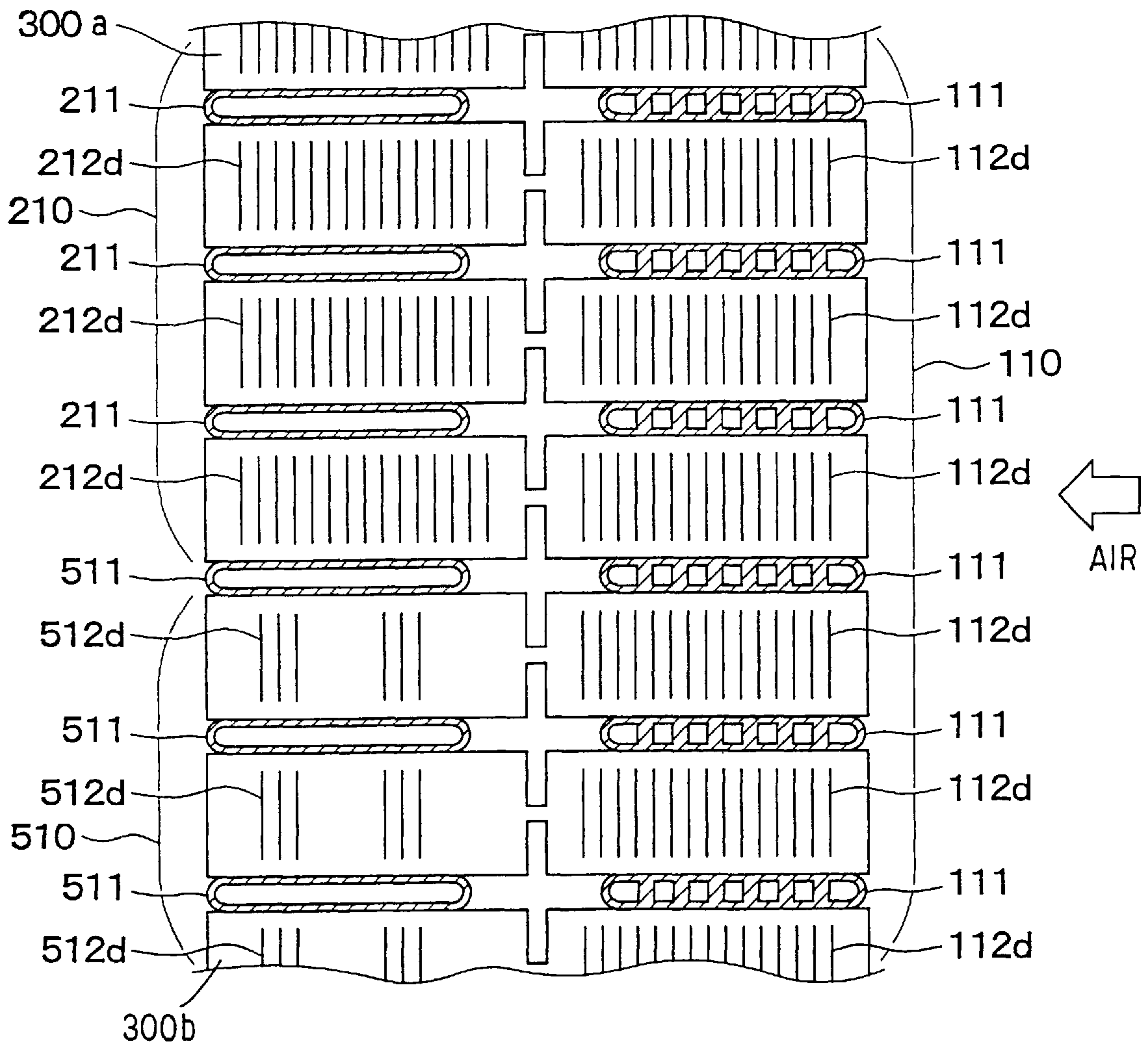
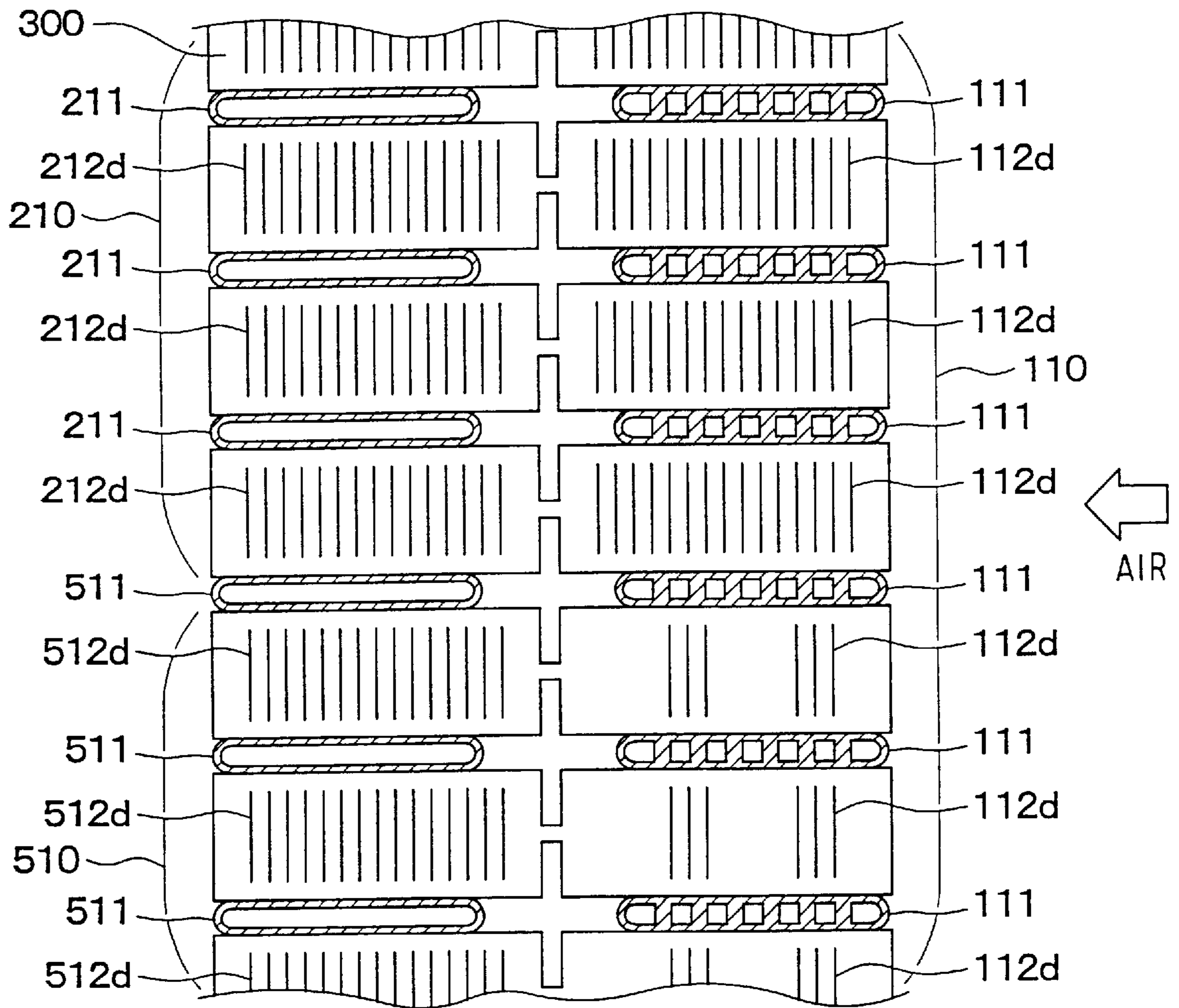


FIG. 9



**COMPOUND HEAT EXCHANGER HAVING  
COOLING FINS INTRODUCING DIFFERENT  
HEAT EXCHANGING PERFORMANCES  
WITHIN HEAT EXCHANGING CORE  
PORTION**

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED  
APPLICATION**

This application is based on and incorporates herein by reference Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2000-79350 filed on Mar. 16, 2000, and 2001-67002 filed on Mar. 9, 2001.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**1. Field of the Invention**

The present invention relates to a compound heat exchanger including a plurality of heat exchangers suitable for use in an automotive cooling module in which a condenser is integrated with a radiator.

**2. Description of Related Art**

JP-A-10-253276 discloses a compound heat exchanger in which a condenser is integrated with a radiator. In the conventional compound heat exchanger, fin of a condenser core portion and fin of a radiator core portion are integrally formed, and a louver arrangement of the condenser fin is different from a louver arrangement of the radiator fin for adjusting heat exchanging performances of the radiator and the condenser.

Here, the louver arrangement includes etching angle, louver etching length, width dimension, the number of louvers, and the like.

However, in the conventional compound heat exchanger, heat exchanging performance does not vary within the condenser or within the radiator. Thus, when required heat exchanging performances are different between at one area and another area within the condenser or within the radiator, the conventional compound heat exchanger cannot satisfy such a request.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

An object of the present invention is to provide a compound heat exchanger easily attaining required heat exchanging performance between at one area and another area within a heat-exchanging core.

According to the present invention, a first core portion carries out a heat exchange between a first fluid and an external fluid. The first core portion includes a plurality of first tubes through which the first fluid flows and first cooling fins disposed between each pair of adjacent first tubes. A second core portion is disposed in series with the first core portion in an external fluid flow direction with a predetermined clearance therebetween, to carry out a heat exchange between a second fluid and the external fluid. The second core portion includes a plurality of second tubes through which the second fluid flows and second cooling fins disposed between each pair of adjacent second tubes. A connecting portion integrates each of first cooling fins and second cooling fins. At least one of the first cooling fins and the second cooling fins introduce different cooling performances between at one area and another area within at least one of the first core portion and the second core portion. Thus, the compound heat exchanger easily attains the required heat exchanging performance being different between at one area and another area within at least one of the first core portion and the second core portion.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Additional objects and advantages of the present invention will be more readily apparent from the following detailed description of preferred embodiments thereof when taken together with the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view showing a compound heat exchanger viewing from a radiator side (first embodiment);

FIG. 2 is a perspective view showing the compound heat exchanger viewing from a condenser side (first embodiment);

FIG. 3A is a cross-sectional view showing an upper area of a heat exchanging core portion with respect to line III—III in FIG. 1 (first embodiment);

FIG. 3B is a cross-sectional view showing a lower area of the heat exchanging core portion with respect to line III—III in FIG. 1 (first embodiment);

FIG. 4 is a perspective view showing an integrated fin (first embodiment);

FIG. 5A is a schematic view showing a roller forming apparatus (first embodiment);

FIG. 5B is an enlarged view of V-portion in FIG. 5A (first embodiment);

FIG. 6 is a graph showing heat exchanging performances of the condenser and the radiator in accordance with a ratio of integrated fins 300a to integrated fins 300b (first embodiment);

FIG. 7 is a perspective view showing a compound heat exchanger (second embodiment);

FIG. 8 is a cross-sectional view showing a heat exchanging core portion (second embodiment), and

FIG. 9 is a cross-sectional view showing a heat exchanging core portion (second embodiment).

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED  
EMBODIMENTS**

**First Embodiment**

As shown in FIGS. 1 and 2, a heat exchanger 700 includes a condenser 100 and a radiator 200. The condenser 100 cools a refrigerant (first fluid) circulating in a vehicle refrigerating cycle, and the radiator 200 cools an engine coolant (second fluid). In the heat exchanger 700, the condenser 100 and the radiator 200 are integrated with each other.

FIG. 1 is a perspective view showing the heat exchanger 700 viewing from the radiator 200 side (downstream side of air flow), and FIG. 2 is a perspective view showing the heat exchanger 700 viewing from the condenser 100 side (upstream side of air flow).

As shown in FIG. 2, the condenser 100 includes a condenser core portion (first core portion) 110. In the condenser core portion 110, condenser tubes 111 and corrugate fins 112 are provided. The condenser tube 111 is made of aluminum and formed in a flat. The condenser tube 111 has a refrigerant passage therein. The fin 112 is formed in a wave, and brazed to the condenser tube 111.

As shown in FIG. 1, the radiator 200 includes a radiator core portion (second core portion) 210. In the radiator core portion 210, radiator tubes 211 and corrugate fins 212 are provided. The radiator tube 211 is made of aluminum and formed in a flat. The radiator tube 211 has an engine coolant passage therein. The fin 212 is formed in a wave, and brazed to the radiator tube 211. The condenser tube 111 and the radiator tube 211 are arranged perpendicularly to the air flow, and arranged in parallel with each other.

In both core portions **110**, **210**, as shown in FIG. 3, a predetermined gap  $\delta$  is provided between the condenser tube **111** and the radiator tube **211** for preventing the heat of the radiator core portion **210** from being transmitted to the condenser core portion **110**.

The fins **112** and **212** are integrally roller-formed, and as shown in FIG. 4, include a plurality of peaks **112a**, **212a**, a plurality of valleys **112b**, **212b**, and a plurality of flat portions **112c**, **212c**. The flat portions **112c**, **212c** are formed between the peaks **112a**, **212a** and valleys **112c**, **212c** adjacent thereto.

Hereinafter, the fins **112**, **212** integrally formed and extending over both core portions **110**, **210** is referred as an integrated fin **300**, and both core portions **110**, **210** integrated by the integrated fin **300** is referred as an heat exchanging portion **330**.

As shown in FIG. 3, the flat portions **112c**, **212c**, include louvers **112d**, **212d**, respectively, to disorder the air-flow passing through the fins **112**, **212** for preventing thermal boundary layer from increasing. The louvers **112d**, **212d** are formed by etching a part of flat portions **112c**, **212c**. Further, as shown in FIG. 4, connecting portions **310** are partially provided between the flat portions **112c** and **212c** for partially connecting the condenser fin **112** to the radiator fin **212** while keeping the condenser fin **112** apart from the radiator fin **212** by a predetermined gap  $W$ .

Here, the predetermined gap  $W$  is at least larger than plate thickness of both fins **112**, **212**. A slit **320** is provided by keeping the condenser fin **112** apart from the radiator fin **212**, and the slit **320** suppresses the heat transmission from the radiator core portion **210** to the condenser core portion **110**.

In the integrated fin **300**, arrangements and design of the louvers **112d** and **212d** are different between at an upper area and a lower area of one-dotted chain line III—III in FIG. 1. For example, as shown in FIG. 3A, at the upper area of the line III—III, the arrangements and design of the louvers **112d** are the same as of the louvers **212d**. That is, etching angle, etching length, width dimension, and the number of louvers **112d** are the same as of the louvers **212d**. At the lower area of the line III—III, as shown in FIG. 3B, the number of louvers **112d** is smaller than that of louvers **212d**, and remaining arrangements and design thereof are the same as of the louvers **212d**.

As shown in FIGS. 1 and 2, a side plate **400** is provided at the bottom of both core portions **110**, **210** for supporting both core portions **110**, **210**. The side plate **400** includes a bracket **410** for attaching the heat exchanger **500** to a vehicle.

A first radiator tank **220** is disposed at one end of the radiator core portion **210**. The first radiator tank **220** distributes the engine coolant into each radiator tube **211**. A second radiator tank **230** is disposed at the other end of the radiator core portion **210**. The second radiator tank **230** receives the engine coolant having been heat-exchanged with the air.

The first radiator tank **220** includes an inlet port **221** at the upper area thereof. The engine coolant flowing out of the engine is introduced into the first radiator tank **220** through the inlet port **221**. The second radiator tank **230** includes an outlet port **231** at the lower area thereof. The engine coolant flows out of the second radiator tank **230** through the outlet port **231**, and flows to the engine.

A joint pipe **222**, **232** is brazed to each radiator tank **220**, **230** for connecting outside pipes (not illustrated) to each radiator tank **220**, **230**.

A first condenser tank **120** is disposed at one end of the condenser core portion **110**. The first condenser tank **120** distributes the refrigerant into each condenser tube **111**. A second condenser tank **130** is disposed at the other end of the condenser core portion **110**. The second condenser tank **130** receives the refrigerant having heat-exchanged with the air.

The first condenser tank includes an inlet port **121** at the upper area thereof. The refrigerant discharged from a compressor (not illustrated) is introduced into the first condenser tank **120** through the inlet port **121**. The second condenser tank **130** includes an outlet port **131** at the lower area thereof. The refrigerant having heat-exchanged with the air flows into an expansion valve (not illustrated) through the outlet port **131**.

A joint pipe **122**, **132** is brazed to each condenser tank **120**, **130** for connecting outside pipes (not illustrated) to each condenser tank **120**, **130**.

Next, a method for manufacturing the integrated fin **300** will be explained.

FIG. 5 is a schematic view showing a roller-forming apparatus. As shown in FIG. 5, fin material **1a** is rolled around a material roll **1**. A tension apparatus **2** gives a predetermined tension force to the fin material **1a** fed from the material roll **1**. The tension apparatus **2** includes a weight tensioner **2a**, and a roller tensioner **2d** having a roller **2b** and a spring **2c**. The weight tensioner **2a** gives a predetermined tension force to the fin material **1a** due to gravity force. The roller **2b** rotates along the proceeding of the fin material **1a**. The spring **2c** gives a predetermined tension force to the fin material **1a** through the roller **2b**.

Since the tension apparatus **2** gives a predetermined tension force to the fin material **1a**, fin height  $h$  of the corrugate fin bending-formed by a fin forming apparatus **3** is constantly attained. Here, the fin height  $h$  is defined by a height difference between the peak **112a**, **212a** and the valley **112b**, **212b** adjacent thereto.

The fin forming apparatus **3** bends the fin material **1a** to form a plurality of rectangular peaks **112a**, **212a** and rectangular valleys **112b**, **212b**. Hereinafter, the peak **112a**, **212a** and the valley **112b**, **212b** are referred as a bent portion **1b**. Further, the fin forming apparatus **3** forms louvers **112d**, **212d** on the flat portions **112c**, **212c**.

The fin forming apparatus **3** includes a pair of gear-like forming rollers **3a** having a cutter (not illustrated) on the tooth flank thereof. The cutter forms the louvers **112d**, **212d**. When the fin material **1a** passes through the forming rollers **3a**, the teeth of the forming roller **3a** bends the fin material **1a** to form the bent portion **1b**, and the cutter forms the louvers **112d**, **212d** simultaneously.

A cutting apparatus **4** cuts the fin material **1a** including the bent portions **1b** and the louvers **112d**, **212d**. The fin material **1a** is cut every predetermined length such that each corrugate fin has a predetermined number of bent portions **1b**. A feeder **5** feeds the predetermined length fin material **1a** toward a straightening apparatus **6**.

The feeder **5** includes a pair of gear-like feeding rollers **5a** having a standard pitch being substantially the same as a distance between the adjacent bent portions **1b**.

When a fin pitch (distance between adjacent bent portions **1b**) of the corrugate fin is designed small, pressure angle of the forming roller **3a** is designed large, and when the fin pitch is designed large, the pressure angle is designed small. Here, a module difference between the forming roller **3a** and the feeding roller **5a** is within 10%, the corrugate fin is formed without changing the feeding roller **5a**.

The straightening apparatus **6** presses the bent portion **1b** from a direction perpendicular to a ridge direction of the bent portion **1b** to remove concaves and convexes from the bent portion **1b**. The straightening apparatus **6** includes a pair of straightening rollers **6a**, **6b** catching the fin material **1a** therebetween. The straightening rollers **6a**, **6b** rotates in accordance with the proceeding of the fin material **1a**. The straightening rollers **6a**, **6b** are arranged in such a manner that a line extending through the rotation centers of the straightening rollers **6a**, **6b** is perpendicular to the proceeding direction of the fin material **1a**.

A brake apparatus **7** includes brake faces **7a**, **7b**. The brake faces **7a**, **7b** contact the plurality of bent portions **1b** to generate friction force against the proceeding of the fin material **1a**. The brake apparatus **7** is disposed at the proceeding forward side of the fin material **1a** more than straightening apparatus **6**. The brake apparatus **7** presses to gather the fin material **1a** such that the bent portions **1b** contact each other, by feeding force of the feeding apparatus **5** and friction force generated at the brake faces **7a**, **7b**.

A brake shoe **7c** having the brake face **7a** is rotatably supported at one end thereof, and a spring **7d** is provided at the other end of the brake shoe **7c**. The friction force generated at the brake faces **7a**, **7b** is adjusted by adjusting the deflection amount of the spring **7d**. The brake shoe **7c** and a plate **7e** including the brake face **7b** are made of die steel having good wear resistance.

An operation of the corrugate fin forming apparatus will be explained.

The fin material **1a** is drawn from the material roll **1** (drawing process). The tension apparatus **2** gives the predetermined tension force to the fin material **1a** in the proceeding direction of the fin material **1a** (tensioning process). The fin forming apparatus **3** forms the bent portions **1b** and the louvers of the fin material **1a** (fin forming process). The cutting apparatus **4** cuts the fin material **1a** every predetermined length.

Next, the feeding apparatus **5** feeds the predetermined length fin material **1a** toward the straightening apparatus **6** (feeding process), and the straightening apparatus **6** presses the bent portions **1b** to remove the concaves and convexes from the bent portions **1b** (straightening process). After that, the brake apparatus **7** presses to gather the fin material **1a** so that the adjacent bent portions **1b** contact each other (gathering process).

After the gathering process, the fin material **1a** expands, due to the resilient force thereof, to have a predetermined fin pitch, and after an inspection, the corrugate fin forming is completed.

FIG. **6** is a graph showing heat exchanging performances of the condenser core portion **110** and the radiator core portion **210** in accordance with a ratio of the integrated fin **300** shown in FIG. **3A** (hereinafter, referred as integrated fin **300a**) to the integrated fin **300** shown in FIG. **3B** (hereinafter, referred as integrated fin **300b**). A linear line **L1** extending through point **A** and point **O** denotes the heat exchanging performances when the integrated fin **300a** is used for the entire heat exchanging portion **330**.

While the ratio of the integrated fin **300b** relative to the integrated fin **300a** increases, linear line denoting the heat exchanging performances of the condenser core portion **110** and the radiator core portion **210** slides from **L1** to **L3** through **L2**. The linear line **L3** denotes the heat exchanging performances when the integrated fin **300b** is used for the entire heat exchanging portion **330**.

As described above, according to the present embodiment, since the integrated fin **300a**, **300b** introducing

different heat exchanging performances are appropriately arranged, required heat exchanging performance is easily attained with low cost.

### Second Embodiment

In the second embodiment, a compound heat exchanger **700** is used for a hybrid car. The hybrid car includes an engine and an electric motor, and switches them to attain a driving source. The engine is mainly used to generate electric power for the motor, and the motor is mainly used for driving the hybrid car.

In the hybrid car, in addition to the engine, an electronic part such as an inverter controlling the motor has to be also cooled. For cooling the engine, the radiator has to be designed such that engine coolant temperature is less than 100–110° C. For cooling the electronic part, the radiator has to be designed such that electric part coolant is less than 60–70° C. which is lower than the engine coolant temperature.

In a vehicle having an automotive air conditioner, since the maximum refrigerant temperature is 80–90° C. which is lower than the engine coolant, the condenser for cooling the high-pressure refrigerant is disposed at air upstream side more than the radiator.

In the second embodiment, as shown in FIG. **7**, a second radiator **500** for cooling the electric part is provided in addition to a first radiator **200** for cooling the engine coolant. The second radiator **500** has the same structure as the first radiator **200**, and is integrated with the first radiator **200** by tanks.

As shown in FIG. **7**, the second radiator **500** includes a second radiator core portion **510** where the electric part coolant is heat-exchanged with the air. The second radiator core portion **510** has a plurality of second radiator tubes **511** through which the electric part coolant flows, and a plurality of second radiator fins **512** provided between the adjacent second radiator tubes **511**. A second radiator inlet tank **520** is disposed at one end of the second radiator tubes **511**, and a second radiator outlet tank **530** is disposed at the other end of the second radiator tubes **511**. The second radiator inlet tank **520** distributes the electric part coolant into each second radiator tube **511**, and the second radiator outlet tank **530** receives the electric part coolant from each second radiator tube **511**.

The first radiator inlet tank **220** and the second radiator inlet tank **520** are integrated within a cylindrical inlet tank having rectangular shape in cross section. Similarly, the first radiator outlet tank **230** and the second radiator outlet tank **530** are integrated within a cylindrical outlet tank having rectangular shape in cross section. Inside the inlet tank, a partition plate **521** partitions the second radiator inlet tank **520** from the first radiator inlet tank **220**. Similarly, inside the outlet tank, a partition plate **531** partitions the second radiator outlet tank **530** from the first radiator outlet tank **230**.

In this way, the first radiator core **210** and the second radiator core **510** are disposed in parallel with the air flow direction, and the condenser core **110** is disposed at the air upstream side of both radiator cores **210**, **510** in series therewith.

The integrated fin **300**, as shown in FIG. **8**, is connected to the outer surface of the tubes **111**, **211**, and **511** for promoting the heat exchanging performance, and extends over the tubes **111** and **211**, and the tubes **111** and **511**. According to an example shown in FIG. **8**, the number of the louvers **212d** and **512d** are different between in the first

radiator **200** and the second radiator **500**. That is, the integrated fin **300a** is used for the first radiator **200**, and the integrated fin **300b** is used for the second radiator **500**.

Here, alternatively, as shown in FIG. **9**, the number of louvers may be different within the condenser core **110**.

#### Modifications

According to the above-described embodiments, the number of louvers is different within the heat exchanging portion **330**. Alternatively, etching angle of the louver, etching length of the louver, fin pitch *P* of the louver may be different between at one area and another area within the heat exchanging core portion **330**.

According to the above-described embodiments, the roller forming apparatus produces the integrated fin **300**. Alternatively, a pressing apparatus or the like may produce the integrated fin.

According to the above-described embodiments, the compound heat exchanger is used for the cooling module including the condenser and the radiator. Alternatively, the double heat exchanger may be used for other heat exchangers.

According to the above-described embodiments, arrangements of louvers are different between at the upper area and the lower area with respect to the line III—III in FIG. **1**. Alternatively, arrangements of the louvers may be different between at right area and left area in FIG. **1**, or the louvers **300a** and **300b** may be alternately arranged.

What is claimed is:

**1.** A heat exchanger comprising:

a first core portion to carry out a heat exchange between a first fluid and an external fluid, said first core portion including a plurality of first tubes through which the first fluid flows and first cooling fins disposed between said each pair of adjacent first tubes; and

a second core portion disposed in series with said first core portion in an external fluid flow direction with a predetermined clearance therebetween, to carry out a heat exchange between a second fluid and the external fluid, said second core portion including a plurality of second tubes through which the second fluid flows and second cooling fins disposed between said each pair of adjacent second tubes, wherein

each of said first cooling fins and said second cooling fins is integrated by a connecting portion, and

one of said first cooling fins and said second cooling fins introduce different cooling performances between a first area and a second area within a respective one of said first core portion and said second core portion.

**2.** A heat exchanger according to claim **1**, wherein

said first cooling fins and said second cooling fins include a plurality of louvers, respectively, and

arrangements of said louvers within said one of said first cooling fins and said second cooling fins are different between said first area and said second area of said respective one of said first core portion and said second core portion.

**3.** A heat exchanger according to claim **2**, wherein the number of said louvers within said one of said first cooling fins and said second cooling fins are different between said first area and said second area of said respective one of said first core portion and said second core portion.

**4.** A heat exchanger according to claim **1**, wherein said first and second cooling fins are formed by a roller forming apparatus for continuously forming a plate material into a predetermined shape while rotating.

**5.** A compound heat exchanger including a refrigerant condenser and an engine coolant radiator, comprising:

a condenser core portion to carry out a heat exchange between a refrigerant and air, said condenser core portion including a plurality of condenser tubes through which the refrigerant flows and condenser fins disposed between said each pair of adjacent condenser tubes; and

a radiator core portion disposed in series with said condenser core portion in an air flow direction with a predetermined clearance therebetween, to carry out a heat exchange between an engine coolant and the air, said radiator core portion including a plurality of radiator tubes through which the engine coolant flows and radiator fins disposed between said each pair of adjacent radiator tubes; wherein

each of said condenser fins and said radiator fins are integrated by a connecting portion, and

one of said condenser fins and said radiator fins introduce different cooling performances between a first area and a second area within a respective one of said condenser core portion and said radiator core portion.

**6.** A compound heat exchanger according to claim **5**, wherein

said condenser fins and said radiator fins include a plurality of louvers, respectively, and

arrangements of said louvers within said one of said condenser fins and said radiator fins are different between said first area and said second area said respective one of said condenser core portion and said radiator core portion.

**7.** A compound heat exchanger according to claim **6**, wherein the number of said louvers within said one of said condenser fins and said radiator fins are different between said first area and said second area of said respective one of said condenser core portion and said radiator core portion.

**8.** A compound heat exchanger according to claim **5**, wherein

said radiator core portion includes a first radiator core portion and a second radiator core portion,

said first radiator core portion includes a plurality of first radiator tubes through which the engine coolant flows and first radiator fins disposed between said each pair of adjacent first radiator tubes;

said second radiator core portion includes a plurality of second radiator tubes through which an electronic part coolant flows and second radiator fins disposed between said each pair of adjacent second radiator tubes, and

said first radiator fins and said second radiator fins introduce cooling performances different from each other.

**9.** A compound heat exchanger according to claim **8**, wherein said first radiator fins introduce cooling performance is more than said second radiator fins.

**10.** A heat exchanger comprising:

a heat exchanging core portion including:

a first core portion to carry out a heat exchange between a first fluid and an external fluid, said first core portion including a plurality of first tubes through which the first fluid flows and first cooling fins disposed between said each pair of adjacent first tubes;

a second core portion disposed in series with said first core portion in an external fluid flow direction with a predetermined clearance therebetween, to carry out a heat exchange between a second fluid and the

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external fluid, said second core portion including a plurality of second tubes through which the second fluid flows and second cooling fins disposed between said each pair of adjacent second tubes; and  
 a third core portion disposed in series with said first  
 core portion in the external fluid flow direction with  
 a predetermined clearance therebetween, and dis-  
 posed in parallel with said second core portion in the  
 external fluid flow direction to carry out a heat  
 exchange between a third fluid and the external fluid,  
 said third core portion including a plurality of third  
 tubes through which the third fluid flows and third  
 cooling fins disposed between said each pair of  
 adjacent third tubes, wherein each of some first  
 cooling fins and said second cooling fins is integrated  
 by a connecting portion,  
 each of remaining first cooling fins and said third cooling  
 fins is integrated by a connecting portion, and  
 said first cooling fins, said second cooling fins and said  
 third cooling fins introduce different cooling perfor-  
 mances between one area and another area within said  
 heat exchanging core portion.

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**11.** A heat exchanger according to claim **10**, wherein said second cooling fins and said third cooling fins introduce different cooling performances from each other.

**12.** A heat exchanger according to claim **10**, wherein said first cooling fins introduce different cooling performances between at one area and another area within said first core portion.

**13.** A heat exchanger comprising:

a core portion to carry out heat exchange between an internal fluid and an external fluid, said core portion including a first plurality of tubes through which the first fluid flows and a first plurality of cooling fins disposed between said each pair of adjacent first tubes, wherein said first cooling fins are arranged to achieve a first cooling performance; and

a second plurality of tubes through which the first fluid flows and a second plurality of cooling fins disposed between each pair of adjacent second tubes, wherein said second plurality of cooling fins are arranged to achieve a second cooling performance, wherein said second cooling performance is different from said first cooling performance.

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